

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 10/615,634 filed on July 8, 2003. Claims 1-14, 16-39, and 41-47 are pending in the application. Claims 1-14, 16-39 and 41-47 are rejected. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 16, 17, 19, 24, 26, 29-33, 37, 38, 45, and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guell *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 7,180,476) in view of Snyder (U.S. Patent No. 6,381,519). Claim 1 recites:

"generate a third display area associated with at least two mutually exclusive windows of information on a display device for the first operator station, the display device is mounted in an instrument panel of the device and the third display area and the two mutually exclusive windows of information are presented on the display device;
generate a third display area associated with at least two mutually exclusive windows of information on another display device for the second operator station, the other display device is mounted in the instrument panel of the device and the third display area and the two mutually exclusive windows of information are presented on the display device;
wherein the third display areas can be customized independently by the operators to display detailed information related to the information displayed in the associated windows."

None of the cited references, alone or in combination, teach or suggest these features. Claim 1 is distinguishable from Guell and Snyder, alone and in combination, for at least these reasons.

Claims 2-14 depend from Claim 1 and include features that further distinguish them from the cited references. Allowance of claims 1-14 is respectfully requested.

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Independent claims 16, 24, and 37 include the display devices positioned in an instrument panel to provide the portion of a desired out-the window visual scene in combination with a window that provides another portion of the desired out-the-window visual scene, and the viewpoint images are aligned with and scaled to conform to the out-the-window visual scene. None of the cited references, alone or in combination, teach or suggest these features. Claims 16, 24, and 37 are distinguishable from Guell and Snyder, alone and in combination, for at least these reasons.

Claims 17-23, 25-36, and 38, 39, 41-47 depend from Claims 16, 24, and 37, respectively, and include features that further distinguish them from the cited references. Allowance of claims 16-39 and 41-47 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes the application, including all remaining claims 1-14, 16-39, and 41-47 are in form for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 350-7301.

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